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GODACAMUND, THE 15TH MAY 1920.

No. 24.—An official secretary having been received of the terms of peace which have been communicated by the Allies to the Turkish delegates, the following message from His Excellency the Viceroy is published for general information:—

"Today the decisions of the Supreme Council of the Allies in respect of the peace settlement with Turkey have been made known to the world. They have been received after the most careful and anxious consideration of representations from the Muslims of all countries, and you have my assurance that before coming to its present decisions the Supreme Council has had all possible regard to those representations which have proceeded from the Mahomedan subjects of His Majesty in India. My Government are issuing along with a summary of the Peace Terms a statement which explains the principal decisions and the reasons for them. These decisions are in full accordance with the high principles which have been applied in the Peace Settlements with all other Powers lately at war with Britain and her Allies. Nevertheless they include terms which, I fear, must be painful to all Muslims. The long delays which have protracted your anxiety for over a year, although they have been unavoidable, have filled me with regret for your sakes and now in your hour of trial I desire to send you a message of encouragement and sympathy which I trust will uphold you. In the day of the Emperor's need you made a splendid response to the call of your King and Country and by so doing you contributed much to the triumph of those ideals of justice and humanity for which the Allies fought. The Empire of which you form a part is now firmly established on these ideals and a great future of political progress and material prosperity is within the grasp of the Muslims of India, who have ever enjoyed under British Rule the fullest religious freedom. Before the late disastrous war Great Britain had always maintained the closest ties of friendship with Turkey and I am confident that, with the conclusion of this new treaty, that friendship will quickly take its again and a Turkey regenerate, full of hope and strength, will stand forth, in the future as in the past, a pillar of the Islamic Faith. This thought will, I trust, strengthen you to accept the Peace Terms with resignation, courage and fortitude and to keep your loyalty towards the Crown bright and undimmed as it has been for so many generations."

(By order of His Excellency the Governor in Council.)

R. A. GRAHAM,
Acting Chief Secretary.